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GEORGIE'S LOVELY WEEKEND

● George Cross defender Chris Ketsakides is a picture of concentration as he prepares to pounce on Melita forward Sergio Falce in the game at Skinner Reserve last Sunday.

GEORGE Cross will look back on the Australia Day weekend with affection after winning twice at home in the space of three days.

Blessed with a favourable draw, Georgie seized the opportunity with both hands, increasing Wollongong's woes with a 1-0 win on the Friday and then ending Melita Eagles' six game unbeaten streak with a 3-1 victory last Sunday.

Both games typified the way Georgie has played at home this season.

Paul Foster put his side ahead with his first goal of the season against Wollongong after only four minutes and then Georgie loafed through the rest of the game and can thank goalkeeper Shaun Keogh for retaining the points.

It was much the same story in the Sunday game.

The Melita defence got itself in a tangle in the first few minutes and John Cambell nipped in to score.

Then Melita 'keeper Alex McPherson punched out weakly and the ball fell for Paul Foster, who gratefully banged it back into the net and only 19 minutes had elapsed.

A big score seemed on the cards, but Georgie fiddled about and when it came out for the second half to face a stiff breeze it found itself up against an opponent determined not to go back to Sydney empty-handed.

And the pressure was intensified when striker Greg Brown slammed home a penalty - his second for the weekend - and once again Georgie had Shaun Keogh to thank for some timely interceptions.

How Frank Arok keeps overlooking Keogh for the Socceroos is one of life's little mysteries.

Little Ernie Tapai had a brilliant game for Georgie and often ran rings round his opponents, but too often spoiled the good

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SNIPPETS

by LES SHORROCK

● *(From left to right): Bobby Charlton, George Best and Denis Law.*

A happy new decade to all our readers.

YES, we're back again to provide you with our unrivalled coverage of Victorian Soccer, no doubt much to the chagrin of that Sydney newspaper that mistakenly announced our demise back in September.

As Mark Twain once said, the report of our death was greatly exaggerated. Incidentally that same newspaper has not had the guts to admit it was wrong, but we are still waiting.

APPEAL DECISION GIVES GREEN LIGHT TO IDIOTS.

The decision by the NSL Appeals Tribunal to restore to Sth. Melbourne and Melbourne Croatia the two competition points taken away from them after the crowd trouble at Olympic Park in December makes a joke of the whole disciplinary process and gives open slather to any club's lunatic fringe of so-called supporters.

The fine of $5000 on both clubs still stands and both clubs have been placed on a $10,000 bond to maintain order until June 1991.

As a result, the few hundred South hooligans who started the pitch invasion will be slapping themselves on the back and chortling "we showed those Melbourne Croatia supporters" and they will be heartened by the crass remarks of South president George Vassilopoulos who conveyed the impression that it was traditional for South fans to enter the pitch after the game and they were good-natured anyway.

Good-natured indeed!

Ask the Croatia players like Alan Davidson and George Hannah, ex South Melbourne as they are, *how good-natured the fans* were.

Whilst the managements of both clubs were extremely indignant about the possible loss of two competition points and the possible effect on their championship chances, neither expressed any contitution about the harm the episode did to the game.

I was on holiday in a tiny NSW coastal town but I saw the disgraceful affair on no fewer than five different TV channels, as well as hearing about it on ABC radio.

Needless to say, the headline of the TV newscasts was SOCCER VIOLENCE, what else!

A Sydney newspaper sneered recently at the Football League for fining Arsenal $100,000 and Norwich City $50,000 after their players were involved in a brief melee (no ground invasion, by the way), describing the fines as a slap on the wrist.

I wonder how that same newspaper would describe a $5000 fine?

There was a mixed reaction in the soccer press to the original decision to dock the clubs competition points.

Some felt it was unfair on the players to penalise them for the actions of the idiot minority, saying that it left the field wide open for visiting fans to invade another club's ground if the game was going against them.

But surely the situation still applies, except that the fans have been encouraged to come on the ground, in the knowledge that a precedent has been set and no club in future will be docked points.

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Olympic Park doesn't exactly come out of the affair smelling of roses, either.

The Olympic Park Management desperately wants soccer at the Park, which is only right, because it is still the best soccer ground in the country.

But, and it's a big but, it is a ground that is pathetically easy to invade and OPM, it seems, has no intention whatsoever of making it any safer.

Oh sure, the next time you go there, you'll see notices warning the public not to invade the ground and there will probably be another policeman or two in attendance.

But in our prevailing climate of permissiveness nobody pays any attention to notices, any more than they obey speed limit signs on the roads and until Olympic Park is fenced I'm afraid pitch invasions won't cease.

At present, the fances on three sides of Olympic Park are so inadequate that they would hardly conform to the VSF's criteria for the State League.

I wonder how Olympic Park would react if the VSF or the NSL said, in effect, no fence, no game?

Meanwhile, OPM could help to defuse the situation a little by banning foreign flags from the ground, but that is probably asking for too much.

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THREE FORMER GREATS MEET IN MELBOURNE

Did you hear the one about the Englishman, the Scotsman and the Irishman? Well this one is different.

Last week in Melbourne we had the pleasure of seeing three all-time greats of soccer in a rare get-together.

They are, of course Bobby Charlton, Denis Law and George Best, and their meeting was entirely coincidental, as Bobby Charlton pointed out, with George Best living mostly in London and the other two in the North, it is very rare that their paths cross, even in England.

So it was a delight to hear three such famous players, all of them former European Players of the Year incidentally, chat and reminisce for our benefit.

Sadly, only two members of the print media turned up, along with Angus Morgan of the ABC.

Those soccer reporters who didn't bother to come missed a treat as the repartee flowed thick and fast.

Young Angus Morgan of the ABC was thrilled to be there, confessing to having been a United fan since he was a schoolboy.

When the questioning turned inevitably to Manchester United's present unhappy plight in the First Division Cellar, all three were unanimous that the club wouldn't be relegated.

In addition to running his coaching clinics for the young, Bobby Charlton is heavily involved in Manchester's bid for the 1996 Olympics, as Angus Morgan found to his cost when he asked Charlton about Manchester's chances.

"I'm glad you asked me that question," said Bobby and promptly launched into a twenty-minute hard sell on the virtues of the Manchester/Liverpool conurbation.

"Don't you know that 10 million people live there, served by the best freeway system in Europe?" Charlton intoned to a suitably impressed Angus Morgan

"That was some sermon," muttered a shattered Morgan to me as we left for Ripponlea where the whole segment was reduced to about 90 seconds.

The fabulous trio, when pressed, were somewhat vague (or modest) as to their exact playing records, so here they are.

Bobby Charlton OBE, European Player of the Year in 1966 played 106 times for England and is the country's top goalscorer with 49 goals.

He also won a World Cup medal in that year.

He played 604 games, scoring 198 goals for the Red Devils.

Denis Law played 55 times for Scotland, scoring 30 goals and his career spanned spells with Huddersfield Town, Torino of Italy and Manchester City as well as 305 games for United for whom he scored 171 goals.

He was European Player of the Year in 1964.

For United he played 361 games, scoring 137 goals and he won his European Player of the Year award in 1968.

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HOW ABOUT A FOUL-MOUTH AWARD?

Last season's Prima Smallgoods Fair Play award seems to have been dropped, but if the NSL is scratching its head wondering how to replace it, may I suggest a Foul-mouth Award?

It could be awarded to the club whose supporters chanted the most obscenities during a game.

Two outstanding candidates come to mind immediately.

At the recent South Melbourne v Wollongong game, South's hooligan element put up a vintage performance as John Bell and John Kosmina did their half-time summary.

Kosmina was treated to a venomous tirade of abuse for no reason whatsoever, all from a safe distance of course, as these people would never have the courage to abuse him face to face.

It all came over quite clearly on TV the next night and any person not committed to the sport (the very people we are supposed to be trying to woo to the game) must have wondered why Kosmina was singled out for such disgusting abuse — after all, he's not a rapist or a childmolester, he just happens to be an ex-player who had a distinguished career as Australia's captain, (besides the fact that he is the all-time top goalscorer in the NSL with 133 goals).

Is this the way we treat our greats?

Can you imagine the same barrage being directed towards Alan Border?

The Hellas Hooligans took a clear lead in the Foul-mouth stakes that day, but they don't have the field to themselves.

George Cross has its lunatic fringe too, that sits up at the back of the stand at Skinner Reserve and bellows out obscene chants loud enough to make the unfortunate residents of Churchill Avenue close their windows.

The disturbing aspect of all this is its copy-cat element — close your eyes at Skinner Reserve and you could be forgiven for thinking you were at Middle Park.

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BLACK AND WHITES FEELING BLUE

Super League or not, one club that is rent with dissent before the season even starts is Juventus.

Some committee members are so upset at the way the club has been run since Joseph Mirabella deposed Domenic Tenuta as president that they have convened a special meeting on February 15 to oust him.

The meeting will be asked to pass a resolution saying:

"That Mr Joseph Mirabella be removed from holding any office in the Company, including President and be removed as a member of the Committee and that Mr Domenic Tenuta appointed President in his place."

"The committee members behind the ouster bid claim that Mr Mirabella's conduct since becoming president is "unbecoming and/or prejudicial to the Company's interest."

What has distrubed the club's supporters most is the departure of players like Mike Coady and Willie Herd as Mirabella endeavoured to form an all-Italian team.

Also, the way that the club went about appointing a new coach appalled some club stalwarts.

Near the end of last season, after Manfred Schaefer had departed for pastures greener in Sydney, Youth team coach Billy Rogers was appointed caretaker coach and did well, taking Juve into the semi-finals of the Docketty Cup and he must have had every

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VSF Reconstructs for the 90's

AFTER much dissent and a lot of soul-searching over the past four months, the VSF's 146 clubs have been re-organised for the 90s into 11 divisions.

They are two divisions of the State League, each of 12 clubs, to be called the Super and First Divisions.

There are four divisions of the Victorian League, each comprising 14 clubs and three divisions of the Provisional League also of 14 clubs each.

The two divisions of the State League kick-off on February 24, and you will find their fixtures in our lift-out on pages 8 & 9.

The Victorian and Provisional Leagues kick-off with the preliminary round of their respective Cups on March 10, and their Leagues commence March 31.

The State League championship ends on July 22, to be followed immediately by the top four competitions.

The Dockerty Cup main rounds will be played from August 5, with the final to be played on August 26.

Tha t will be followed by the new Gold Cup competition sponsored now by the new FSF sponsor Mitre which will run from August 31 to September 30.

How the clubs will line up in 1990:

STATE LEAGUE — Super Division

Altona Gate SC, Bruns. Un. Juventus SC, Bulleen SC, Caulfield City SC, Croydon City SC, Green Gully SC, Heidelberg Un. A. Sc., Melbourne JUST SC, Morwell Falcons SC, Northcote City SC, St Albans SC, Thomastown SC.

VICTORIAN LEAGUE — Division One

Dandenong SC, Essendon City SC, Geelong SC, Keilor SC, Nth. Geelong SC, Port Melb. SC, Mordialloc SC, Nunawading City SC, Sandringham City SC, Sunbury Un SC, Waverley City SC, Werribee SC, Western Suburbs SC, Westgate SC.

Division Two

Brighton SC, Bell Park SC, Chelsea SC, Clarinda SC, Clifton Hill SC, Corio/Geelong Un SC, Coburg SC, Doncaster Rovers SC, Eltham/Diamond Valley Un SC, Heidelberg City SC, Mornington SC, Richmond SC, Ringwood Un SC, Seaford Un SC.

Divison Three

Altona City SC, Bentleigh Greens SC, Clayton SC, East Bruns./Ivanh. SC, Hamlyn Rangers SC, Holland Park SC, Karingal Un SC, Moorabbin City SC, Moreland Park Rangers SC, Regent SC, Springvale Un SC, Yarraville SC, Yallourn SC, Lalor Un Sc.

Division Four

Berwick City SC, Boronia SC, Ferntree Gully SC, Hawthorn SC, Keysborough SC, Langwarrin SC, Malvern City SC, Nth Sunshine SC, Oakleigh Suburbs SC, Pascoe Vale SC, Rosanna SC, Springvale Condors SC, South Werribee SC (former Prahran), Williamstown SC.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Division One

Ascot St Marks SC, Brunswick City SC, Cranbourne SC, East Altona SC, East Geelong SC, Forest Hill SC, Melton SC, Mossfiel Rangers SC, South Dandenong SC, South Springvale SC, South Yarra SC, Waverley Un SC, Westmeadows SC, West Vale SC.

Division Two

Ballarat SC, Brandon Park SC, Altona Un SC, Brintons SC, Fitzroy City, Frankston Un SC, Glenroy SC, lalor SC, Lndale United SC, Kew SC, Monash Univ. SC, Port United SC, Ringwood Rovers SC, Uni of Melb.

Division Three

Ardeer SC, Batman Un SC, Beaumaris SC, Carrum Un SC, East Richmond SC, Hampton Park SC, Meadow Park SC, Monbulk SC, North Clayton SC, Riversdale SC, Sparrows SC, Sunshine Park SC, Wantirna SC.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

Division One

Balwyn SC, Collingwood SC, Diggers Rest SC, Hawthorn Un SC, Keilor SC, Latrobe Uni. SC, Northern Un SC, Oakleigh Un SC, Old Scotch SC, Phillip Institute SC, Wav. Wanderers SC, Yarra Un SC.

Division Two

Camberwell Grammar SC, Concorde SC, Cretan SC, Diamond Valley SC, Endeavour Hills SC, Furlan SC, Lemnos SC, Intercity SC, Maccabi SC, RMIT SC, Upfield SC, Melb. Uni. SC.

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VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIV. 1 — 1990 SEASON FIXTURES

Round One, Sat. March 31: Ess. City v Nth Geelong, Keilor v Westgate, Pt. Melb. v Dandenong, Nunawading City v Sunbury Un., Wav. City v Western Suburbs.
Sunday April 1: Mordialloc v Werribee, Geelong v Sandringham City.

Round Two, Sat. April 7: Sandringham City v Wav. City; Sunbuy Un. v Geelong, Werribee v Nunawading City, Dandenong v Mordialloc.
Sunday April 8: Westgate v Pt Melb., West. Suburbs v Essendon City, Nth. Geelong v Keilor.

Round Three, Sat. April 14: Keilor v Essendon City, Pt. Melb. v Nth. Geelong, Nunawading City v Dandenong, Wav. City v Sunbury Un., Sandr. City v Western Sub., Mordialloc v Westgate, Geelong v Werribee.

Round Four, Sat. April 21: Sunbury Un. v Sandringham City, Werribee v Waverley City, Dandenong v Geelong, Essen. City v Pt. Melb.

Sun. April 22: Westgate v Nunawading City, Eest. Subs. v Keilor, Nth. Geelong v Mordialloc.
Round Five, Sat. April 28: Pt. Melb. v Keilor, Nunawading City v Nth. Geelong, Wav. City v Werribee, Sandring. City v Dandenong, Sunb. Un. v Western subs.
Sun. April 29: Mordialloc v Essendon City, Geelong v Westgate.

Round Six Saturday May 5: Werribee v Sunb. Un., Dandenong v Sandringham C., Essen. City v Nunawading City, Keilor v Mordialloc.
Sun. May 6: Westgate v Waverley City, West. Subs. v Pt. Melb., Nth. Geelong v Geelong.

Round Seven, Sat. May 12: Nunawading City v Keilor, Wav. City v Nth. Geelong, Sandringham C. v Westgate, Sunb. Un v Dandenong, Werribee v Western Subs.
Sunday May 13: Geelong v Essendon City, Mordialloc v Pt. Melb.

Round Eight, Sat. May 19: Dandenong v Werribee, Ess. City v Waverley C, Keilor v Geelong, Pt. Melb. v Nunawading City.

Sunday May 20: Westgate vs Sunbury Un, Western Subs v Mordialloc, Nth Geelong vs Sandringham.
Round Nine Sat. May 26: Nunawading City v Mordialloc, Wav. City v Keilor, Sand. City v Essendon City, Sunbury Un, v Nth. Geelong, Werribee v Westgate, Dandenong v Western Subs.
Sunday May 27: Geelong v Pt Melb.
Round Ten Saturday June 2: Essendon City v Sunbury Un, Keilor v Sandringham City, Pt. Melb. v Waverley City.
Sunday June 3: Western Suburbs v Nunawading City, Nth. Geelong v Werribee, Mordialloc v Geelong, Westgate v Dandenong.

Round Eleven Sat. June 9: Wav. City v Mordialloc, Sandringham C v Pt. Melb., Sunbury Un v Keilor, Werribee v Essendon City, Dandenong v Nth. Geelong, Westgate v West. Suburbs, Geelong v. Nunawading C.
Round Twelve Sat. June 16: Essendon City v Dandenong, Keilor v Werribee, Pt. Melb. v Sunbury Un, Nunawading City v Wav. City.

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NSL DETAILS

DETAILS ROUND THIRTEEN

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (A. Vidmar 76th, Melita 78th) ADELAIDE HELLAS 0
At Hindmarsh Stadium, Wednesday. Referee B. Harwood. Sent off, Ivanovic (AC).
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica - Shillabeer, Ivanovic, Tobin, T. Vidmar - Melta, Santrac, Veart, A. Vidmar - Mullen (Flounders 86th, Maxwell). Coach Zoran Matic.
ADELAIDE HELLAS: Tsoleridis - Hiern, Mousoulis (Rankin 86th), Slager, Mills - Miranda, Blair, Kidd, Brazzale (Capasso 86th) - Wright, Vatsilas. Coach Brian Garvey.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (P. Foster 4th) WOLLONGONG 0
At Skinner Reserve, Friday. Referee M. Loupis
GEORGE CROSS: Keogh - Alevizos, Parton, Ketsakndtner,
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh - Alevizos, Parton, Ketsakidis, Roodhouse - Campelj, Faulkner, Kindtner, Clarkson - Hasler (Carter 80th), P. Foster. Coach Ernie Merrick.
WOLLONGONG: Pupovac - Skeen, Morlando, Vlietstra, Murphy - Ratcliffe, Brodnik, Lloyd (Hristovski 57th), Crainie - McFadden, Easthorpe (Versi 81st). Coach David Ratcliffe.

APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (Brown 27th, Bundalo 87th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Adzic 50th)
At Lambert Park, Friday. Referee R. Spiers.
APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano - Blagolevic, Stewart, M. Brown, Jennings - Ellem, Clinch, Bundalo, van Blerk - R. Brown (Manley 55th), Murray (Okon 65th). Coach Manfred Schaefer.
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Rados - Davidson, Donnelly, Hannah, Marth (Duzel 70th) - Talajic, Milosevic, Biskic, Adzic - Awaritefe, Caleta (Markovski 40th). Coach Ivan Raznjevic.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Tsolakis 40th, Trimboli 85th) ST GEORGE 0
At Olympic Park. Sent off Harper (St.G). Referee J. Fraser.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren - Healy, Durakovic, Blair, Michiel (Postecoglou 75th)- Wade Petersen, Palatsides - Tsolakis, Trimboli, Taliadoros. Coach Ferenc Puskas.
ST GEORGE: Filan - Green, O'Shea, Koczka, Dean - Moffitt, Harper, McGregor, Krislovic (Kakakios 81st) - Bingley, Ilic (Pavlovic 81st). Coach Frank Arok.

SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Seal 56th) MELITA EAGLES 1 (Brown 94th, pen.)
At Croatia Sports Centre, Friday. Sent off Barrios (M.E.). Referee G. Power.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken - Savor, Rumora, Hunter, Grbevski - Ricoy, Kupresak, Jones, Arnold - Lamond, Seal. Coach Tony Vrzina.
MELITA EAGLES: McPherson - Williams, Barrios, Gonzales, O'Donnell - Callanan (Farrugia 65th), Vial, Genc, Cerro - Soper, Brown. Coach Raul Blanco.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Perenovic 25th) BLACKTOWN CITY 0
At St George Stadium, Friday. RefereeSNDNEY OLYMPIC:

At St George Stadium, Friday. Referee J. McConnell.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling - Barrett, Dakos, Platiniotis, Georgakis - Saad, Bernal, Phillips, Lee - Hagan, Perinovic. Coach Mick Hickman.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Mautone - Carter, Yankos, Murphy, Reynolds - Gibson, Odzakov, Maier - Northam, Arambasic, Gunning (Jee 70th). Coach Walter Tamandl.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Zinni 51st, Jolevski 54th, pen.) MARCONI 2 (Glavovic 19th), McCulloch 62nd)
At Connor Reserve, Friday. Referee J. Santa Isabel.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes - Runje, Jackson, Piculovski, Jolevski - Tasevski, Petrov, Temcev (Momirovski 70th), Zinni (Bekiaris 70th) - Smith, Markovac. Coach Ljube Jancev.
MARCONI: Catlin - van Egmond, Wheatley, Calderan, de Marigny - Gray, McCulloch, Glavovic (Colagiuri 68th), Okon (Colucci 58th) - Katholos, Lowe. Coach Berti Mariani.

NSL LADDER

APIA							
LEICHHARDT	14	8	4	2	22	11	20
MARCONI	14	6	6	2	27	14	18
ADELAIDE C	14	7	4	3	21	14	18
SYDS. OLYMPIC	14	7	3	4	21	10	17
STH MELB	14	7	3	4	20	12	17
Melb. Croatia	14	6	4	4	25	17	16
Preston Mak	14	6	3	5	17	16	15
George Cross	14	5	4	5	19	23	14
Sydney Croatia	14	5	2	7	20	23	12
Melita Eagles	14	4	4	6	10	15	12
Wollongong	14	4	3	7	12	22	11
St George	14	3	5	6	16	25	11
Adelaide Hellas	14	3	2	9	14	29	8
Blacktown	14	2	3	9	15	28	7

● *Melita's Greg Brown. Two penalties over the weekend brought his tally to 7.*

NSL GOALSCORERS

11.	Nastevski, 1p, (Marconi)	Hannah (Mel.Cro)
		Hasler (Geo.Cross)
10.	Brown.R (Apia)	Hiern (Ad.Hellas)
		Jee (B'town)
8.	Seal (Syd.Cro)	Katholos (Marconi)
		Koch (Syd.Olymp)
7.	Brown.G, 2p. (Melita)	Lewis (Geo.Cross)
		Longo (B'town)
6.	Adzic, 2p, (Mel.Cro)	McFadden (W'gong)
	Caleta (Mel.Cro)	Melta (Ad.City)
	Krslovic (St.George)	Milosevic (Mel.Cro)
	Saad (Syd.Olymp)	Momirovski (Preston)
	Smith (Preston)	Morlando (W'gong)
	Trimboli, 1p, (S.Melb..	Mori (S.Melb)
		Murphy (B'town)
5.	Clarkson (Geo.Cross)	Ollerenshaw (Syd.Olymp)
	Hunter 3p, (Syd.Cro)	O'Neill (W'gong)
	Latif (Geo.Cross)	Opasinis (Mel.Cro)
	Tsolakis (S.Melb)	Palatsides 1p, (S.Melb)
	Veart (Adcity)	Platiniotis (Syd.Olymp)
		Rankin (Ad Hellas)
4.	Blair.R (Ad.Hellas)	Ricoy (Syd Cro)
	Bundalo (Apia)	Shillabeer (Ad.City)
	Gray (Marconi)	Slagor (Ad.Hellas)
	Hagan (Syd.Olymp)	Soper (Melita)
	Maxwell (Adcity)	Stewart (Apia)
	Mullen (Adcity)	Tsolakis (S.Melb.)
	Perinovic (Syd.Olymp)	Vatsilas (Ad.Hellas)
		Villani (Ad.City)
		Wade (S.Melb.)
3.	Arambasic (B'town)	Wright (Ad Hellas)
	Batten (W'gong)	
	Bingley (St.George)	Own goals
	Campelj (Geo.Cross)	
	De Jong (Marconi)	Piculovski (Preston)
	Ironside (Syd.Olymp)	Kidd (Ad.Hellas)
	Jolevski, 1p. (Preston)	Slager (Ad.Hellas)
	Kidd 1p, (Ad Hellas)	Gunning (B'town)
	Maier, 3p. (B'town)	Roodhouse (George Cross)
	Markovski (Mel.Cro)	Shillabeer (Adcity)
	Taliadoros (S.Melb)	Northam (B'town)
	Vidmar.A (Adcity)	
	Zinni (Preston)	
2.	Arnold (Syd.Cro)	
	Awaritefe (Mel.Cro)	
	Biskic (Mel.Cro)	
	Blair.S (S.Melb)	
	Brazzale (Ad.Hellas)	
	Clinch (Apia)	
	Faulkner 1p, (Geo.Cross)	
	Foster.P (Geo Cross)	
	Glavovic (Marconi)	
	Grbevski (Syd.Cro)	
	Gunning (B'town)	
	Harper (St.George)	
	Hristovski 1p, (W'gong)	
	Ilic (St.George)	
	Kelic 1p, (Mel.Cro)	
	Lamond (Syd.Cro)	
	Lowe (Marconi)	
	McCulloch (Marconi)	
	Manley (Apia)	
	Markovac (Preston)	
	Moffitt (St.George)	
	Murray (Apia)	
	Vidmar.T. (Adcity)	
	Woodall (Preston)	
1.	Brodnik (W'gong)	
	Colagiuri (Marconi)	
	Crainie (W'gong)	
	Duzel (Mel.Cro)	
	Easthorpe (W'gong)	
	Ferguson (B'town)	
	Georgakis (Syd.Olymp)	
	Genc (Melita)	
	Gomez (Marconi)	
	Gonzalez (Melita)	

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

(Southern Division)
Results, Friday 26th January 1990.
North Geelong v Geelong City (Postponed to 7th March).
Preston Makedonia 8 (Joe Markovac 3, Michael Cassar 3, Zdravko Trajkovski, Tony Lingurovski) 8, Clifton Hill (Con Skliros) 1.
Sunshine George Cross (match postponed) v Altona Gate.
South Melbourne Hellas White v Bye.
Heidelberg United (George Nitsou) 1 East Richmond (Michael Apidopoulos) 1.
Melbourne City JUST (Saso Becvinovski 2, Robin Stankovski 2) 4, Melbourne Croatia (Joe Bacak 2, John Botica, Tom Lovric 2) 5.
Soth Melb. Hellas Blue (Michael Piri, Manuel de la Plaze) 2, Caulfield City (Nick Papadopoulos) 1.
Sunday 28th January 1990
Sunshine George Cross (Kevin Muscat, Athan Zacharias 2, Mitchell Cattermole 2, Lou

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DETAILS ROUND FOURTEEN

ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Slager 63rd, Kidd 89th) APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Bundalo 4th) at Hindmarsh Stadium (Double-header), Sunday. Referee J. Rossis.
ADELAIDE HELLAS: Tsoleridis — Hiern, Mousoulis, Slager, Mills — Miranda, Capasso (Brazzale 62nd), Kidd, Stamatelopoulos (Vatsilas 90th) — Wright, Blair. Coach Grian Garvey.
APIA LEICHHARDT: Hughes — Blagojevic, Stewart, Halliday, Okon — Clinch, Ellem, Bundalo, van Blerk, (McQuarrie 61st) — Murray, Manley. Coach Manfred Schaefer.

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Maxwell 4th, 84th, 88th) WOLLONGONG 0
At Hindmarsh Stadium (double-header), Sunday. Referee J. McConnell.
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica — Shillabeer, Tobin, Flounders, T. Vidmar — Melta, Santrac, Veart, A. Vidmar — Mullen, Maxwell. Coach Zoran Matic.
WOLLONGONG: Pupovac — Skeen, Ratcliffe, Vlietstra, Murphy — Morlando (McEvoy 61st), Brodnik, Hristovski, Crainie — McFadden, Versi (Easthorpe 61st). Coach David Ratcliffe.

SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (Seal 11th, Hunter 49th, Lamond 61st) SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Tsolakis 75th)
At Croatian Sports Centre, Sunday. Referee R. Davies.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken - Savor, Jones, Hunter, Grbevski - Ricoy, Kupresak, Petkovic, Arnold Seal, Lamond. Coach Tony Vrzina.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren - Healy, Durakovic, Blair, Micheil (Postecoglou 30th) - Wade, Petersen, Palatsides - Tsolakis, Trimboli, Taliadoros. Coach Ferenc Puskas.

BLACKTOWN CITY 1
Ferbuson 22nd) ST GEORGE 1 (Krslovic 63rd)
At Gabbie Reserve, Sunday. Referee W. Monteverde.
BLACKTOWN CITY: Mautone - Carter, Yankos, Murphy, Reynolds - Maier, Odzakov, Northam, Arambasic (Gunning 50th) - Ferguson, Gibson. Coach Walter Tamandl.

ST GEORGE: Filan - Milicevic, Koczka, O'Shea, Dean - Knight, McGregor (Kakakios 35th), Bingley - Krislovic, Ilic (Pavlovic 55th)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC (Georgakis 54th) MARCONI (Glavovic 9th)
At St George Stadium, Sunday. Referee R. Lorenc.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC, Gosling - Barrett, Hooker, Platiniotis, Georgakis - Saad, Bernal, Phillips, Lee - Hagan (Ollerenshaw 80th), Perinovic. Coach Mick Hickman.
MARCONI: Catlin - van Egmond, Calderan (Colucci 87th), Wheatley, de Marigny - Gray, McCulloch, Glavovic (Colagiuri 71st), Okon - Katholos, Lowe. Coach Berti Mariani.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 3 (Campelj 14th, Foster 19th, Clarkson 91st) MELITA EAGLES 1 (Brown, pen. 68th).
At Skinner Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Santa Isabel.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh - Alevizos (Hasler HT), Ketsakides, Parton, Roodhouse - Faulkner, Kindtner, Foster (Carter 82nd), Campelj - Clarkson, Tapai. Coach Ernie Merrick.
MELITA EAGLES: McPherson - Williams (Farrugia 21st), Callinan, Gonzales, O'Donnell - Mason, Vial, Cerro (Falce HT), Genc - Soper, Brown. Coach Raul Blanco.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA (Awaritefe 5th, Adzic 17th) MELBOURNE CROATIA (Smith 65th)
at Connor Reserve, Monday. Referee D. Voutsinas
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes — Runje, Jackson Piculovski, Jolevski — Temcev (J. Markovac 65th), Petrov, Slifkas, Momirovski (Bekiaris 75th) — R. Markovac, Smith. Coach Ljube Jancev.
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Rados — Davidson, Donnelly, Hannah, Marth, — Talajic, Milosevic (Selemidis 82nd), Biskic, Markovski — Awaritefe, Adzic. Coach Ivan Reznjevic.

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National Youth League (Southern Division)

MELBOURNE CROATIA AND ALTONA GATE LEAD THE NYL SOUTH

The National Youth League (Southern Division) has just passed the half-way mark with Melbourne Croatia and Altona Gate the teams to beat.

Despite some narrow squeaks against Richmond, Melbourne City JUST and North Geelong, Croatia has gone through the season unbeaten so far.

Judicious use of senior players returning from injury or loss of form has helped, but goalscorers like Joe Bacak and midfielders Hus Skenderovic and Mark Silic and a well-balanced defence has been part of the reason for the success.

Altona Gate, under Steve Trajkovski, has been the best soccer playing side in the league. With several of his players certain to play with the seniors in the Super league, Trajkovski has been using some of the Under-16s in his team and these young lads have not let him down.

In the run-in for the title, the absence of Robert Stojcevski, Zlate Markovski and Robert Trajkovski among others, may be a problem however.

South Melb. Hellas and four-times winner Sunshine George Cross make up the top four and neither can be discounted at play-off time. The challengers include Melbourne City JUST, heavily reliant on goal machine, Saso Becvinovski, who has banged in nineteen goals in thirteen matches, and Preston Makedonia, now moving up the league after an in-different start.

Newcomers, Geelong City and North Geelong had contrasting starts to their first NYL season.

City picked up some excellent early victories, but has struggled as the top teams get into gear, while North is now relying on some very young talent and beginning to settle very well indeed. East Richmond also started brightly, but has fallen away a little.

The rules of the competition this year mean that seven players born after 1st August, 1971 must be on the pitch at all times, so that these lads are all eligible to play for Australia in the next World Youth Cup in 1991. Some clubs have been upset by the change, but it has given the younger talent a chance to find its feet. This weekend there has been a double round of matches, with some nail-biting games.

Melbourne Croatia and Melbourne City JUST played out an incredible nine goal match at Holland Park on Friday, with Croatia getting the winning goal with only two minutes to play, after JUST had a chance to settle the issue two minutes earlier.

Saso Becvinovski and Robin Stankovski each grabbed a double for JUST, while Joe Bacak and Tom Lovric got two for Croatia, with the other from Joh Botica.

Lovric's winner in the dying minutes was worthy of winning any game as he fired home a magnificent overhead kick which gave Peter Sorocuk no chance.

Preston Makedonia ran up eight goals against Clifton Hill, with hat-tracks by Joe Markovac and Michael Cassar and goals by Zdravko Trajkovski and Tony Lingurovski. Con Skliros got a consolation goal for Clifton Hill.

South Melbourne Hellas Blue defeated Caulfield City by two goals to one at Olympic Park. Manuel de la Plaza opened for Hellas with a shot over the keeper, then he crossed for Michael Peri to score. Damon Bahktiar played extremely well in defence for Hellas. Nick Papadopoulos replied for Caulfield from a free kick.

The Caulfield lads were somewhat overawed by the surroundings but Engel Schmidl and young Jim Filis in particular stood out.

Heidelberg United and East Richmond drew one-all with both goals coming from penalties. Michael Apidopoulos scored for East Richmond and George Nitsou for Heidelberg.

In Sunday's matches, Altona Gate defeated Nth Geelong by two goals to nil, with the first coming from a penalty by Trajce Latomanski in the fifth minute and the second in the last minute of the match from Tony Grozdanovski.

In between, Robert Cosic hit the bar for North and Zoran Roso came close to scoring.

Melbourne City JUST fought back to beat Geelong City by four goals to two after Tony Bozinovski had given Geelong City an ea rly lead.

Peter Sorocuk's long kick from hand cleared his opposite number, Adam Oates and forced the City sweeper to concede an own goal. Tony Markovski made in two for JUST, whose player-coach then contributed an even more bizarre own goal. Saso Becvinovski put JUST ahead and after City was denied a penalty, Micky Soklatovic made the points secure.

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● *Adelaide City's Steve Maxwell . . . his hat-trick demolished Wollongong.*

NATIONAL LEAGUE ACTION

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0, November 3. Croatia's stalwart captain George Hannah tackles Preston striker Steve Smith.

● BOTTOM LEFT: MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 MELITA EAGLES 1 (Brown). Round 8 December 22. Croatia goalkeeper Joe Rados plucks the ball confidently out of the air, aided (hampered?) by Andrew Marth, whilst Melita's Marshall Soper looks on hopefully.

STH MELBOURNE 2 (Taliadoros, Blair) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Markovac) Round 5, December 3. Preston strongman Zoran Tasevski sends Paul Trimboli flying over George Petrov's leg.

NATIONAL LEAGUE ACTION

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 2 (Clarkson 2) ST GEORGE 2 (Krislovic 2) Round Four, November 26. Saints defender Manny Spanoudakis goes for a spectacular tumble after Paul Foster's tackle has upended him.

● SOUTH MELB. 0 WOLLONGONG 0 Round 11, January 13. "Where did he come from?" wonders Peter Tsolakis as Wollongong's Paul McFadden leaps in front olhim to clear.

● MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Biskic, Adzic 2) ADELAIDE CITY 3 (T. Vidmar, Mullen, Veart). Joe Mullen, scorer of Adcity's second goal is all concentration as he fends off Croatia's Mark Talajic.

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Saturday, February 24
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Sunday February 25
JUVENTUS VS ST ALBANS
GREEN GULLY V CAULFIELD CITY
MELBOURNE JUST V BULLEEN
HEIDELBERG V THOMASTOWN

ROUND TWO
Saturday, March 3
CAULFIELD CITY V MELBOURNE JUST
NORTHCOTE CITY V JUVENTUS
Sunday, March 4
BULLEEN V HEIDELBERG UTD
CROYDON CITY V GREEN GULLY
ST ALBANS V MORWELL FALCONS
THOMASTOWN V ALTONA GATE

ROUND THREE
Saturday, March 10
MORWELL FALCONS VS NORTHCOTE CITY
Sunday, March 11
JUVENTUS vs ALTONA GATE
GREEN GULLY V ST ALBANS
MELBOURNE JUST V CROYDON CITY
HEIDELBERG UTD V CAULFIELD CITY
BULLEEN V THOMASTOWN

ROUND FOUR
Saturday, March 17
NORTHCOTE CITY V GREEN GULLY
ALTONA GATE V MORWELL FALCONS
CAULFIELD CITY V BULLEEN
Sunday, March 18
CROYDON CITY V HEIDELBERG UTD
THOMASTOWN V JUVENTUS
ST ALBANS V MELBOURNE JUST
ROUND FIVE
Saturday, March 24
MORWELL FALCONS V JUVENTUS
CAULFIELD CITY V THOMASTOWN
Sunday, March 25
GREEN GULLY VS ALTONA GATE
MELBOURNE JUST VS NORTHCOTE CITY
HEIDELBERG UTD V ST ALBANS
BULLEEN V CROYDON CITY

ROUND SIX
Saturday, March 31
NORTHCOTE CITY V HEIDELBERG UTD
ALTONA GATE V MELBOURNE JUST
JUVENTUS V GREEN GULLY
Sunday, April 1
CROYDON CITY V CAULFIELD CITY
ST ALBANS V BULLEEN
THOMASTOWN V MORWELL FALCONS

Saturday, April 7
CAULFIELD CITY V ST ALBANS
Sunday, April 8
GREEN GULLY V MORWELL FALCONS
MELBOURNE JUST V JUVENTUS
HEIDELBERG UTD V ALTONA GATE
BULLEEN V NORTHCOTE CITY
THOMASTOWN V CROYDON CITY

ROUND EIGHT
Saturday, April 14
NORTHCOTE CITY VS CAULFIELD CITY
ALTONA GATE V BULLEEN
MORWELL FALCONS VS MELBOURNE JUST
Sunday, April 15
ST ALBANS V CROYDON CITY
GREEN GULLY V THOMASTOWN
JUVENTUS V HEIDELBERG UTD
ROUND NINE
Saturday, April 21
CAULFIELD CITY V ALTONA GATE
Sunday, April 22
THOMASTOWN V ST ALBANS
MELBOURNE JUST V GREEN GULLY
HEIDELBERG UTD V MORWELL FALCONS
BULLEEN V JUVENTUS
CROYDON CITY V NORTHCOTE CITY

ROUND TEN
Saturday, April 28
NORTHCOTE CITY V ST ALBANS
MORWELL FALCONS V BULLEEN
ALTONA GATE VS CROYDON CITY
Sunday, April 29
MELBOURNE JUST V THOMASTOWN
JUVENTUS V CAULFIELD CITY
GREEN GULLY V HEIDELBERG UTD
ROUND ELEVEN
Satuday, May 5
CAULFIELD CITY V MORWELL FALCONS
Sunday, May 6
HEIDELBERG UTD V MELBOURNE JUST
BULLEEN V GREEN GULLY
CROYDON CITY V JUVENTUS
ST ALBANS V ALTONA GATE
THOMASTOWN V NORTHCOTE CITY

ROUND TWELVE
Saturday, May 12
NORTHCOTE CITY V ALTONA GATE
CAULFIELD CITY V GREEN GULLY
Sunday, May 13
ST ALBANS V JUVENTUS
CROYDON CITY V MORWELL FALCONS
BULLEEN V MELBOURNE JUST
THOMASTOWN V HEIDELBERG UTD

ROUND THIRTEEN
Saturday, May 19
MORWELL FALCONS VS ST ALBANS
ALTONA GATE V THOMASTOWN
Sunday, May 20
HEIDELBERG UTD VS BULLEEN
MELBOURNE JUST V CAULFIELD CITY
GREEN GULLY V CROYDON CITY
JUVENTUS V NORTHCOTE CITY

ROUND FOURTEEN
Saturday, May 26
ALTONA GATE V JUVENTUS
NORTHCOTE CITY V MORWELL FALCONS
CAULFIELD CITY V HEIDELBERG UTD
Sunday, May 27
ST ALBANS V GREEN GULLY
CROYDON CITY V MELBOURNE JUST
THOMASTOWN V BULLEEN

ROUND FIFTEEN
Saturday, June 2
MORWELL FALCONS V ALTONA GATE
Sunday, June 3
HEIDELBERG UTD V CROYDON CITY
MELBOURNE JUST VS ST ALBANS
JUVENTUS VS THOMASTOWN
GREEN GULLY V NORTHCOTE CITY
BULLEEN V CAULFIELD CITY

ROUND SIXTEEN
Saturday, June 9
JUVENTUS V MORWELL FALCONS
ALTONA GATE VS GREEN GULLY
NORTHCOTE CITY VS MELB JUST
ST ALBANS V HEIDELBERG UTD
CROYDON CITY V BULLEEN
THOMASTOWN V CAULFIELD CITY

ROUND SEVENTEEN
Saturday, June 16
CAULFIELD CITY V CROYDON CITY
MORWELL FALCONS V THOMASTOWN
Sunday, June 17
BULLEEN V ST ALBANS
HEIDELBERG UTD VS NORTHCOTE CITY
MELBOURNE JUST V ALTONA GATE
GREEN GULLY V JUVENTUS

ROUND EIGHTEEN
Saturday, June 23
MORWELL FALCONS V GREEN GULLY
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NORTHCOTE CITY V BULLEEN
Sunday, June 24
ST ALBANS V CAULFIELD CITY
CROYDON CITY V THOMASTOWN
JUVENTUS V MELBOURNE JUST

ROUND NINETEEN
Saturday, June 30
CAULFIELD CITY V NORTHCOTE CITY
Sunday, July 1
CROYDON CITY V ST ALBANS
THOMASTOWN V GREEN GULLY
BULLEEN V ALTONA GATE
HEIDELBERG UTD V JUVENTUS
MELBOURNE JUST V MORWELL FALCONS

ROUND TWENTY
Saturday, July 7
MORWELL FALCONS V HEIDELBERG UTD
ALTONA GATE V CAULFIELD CITY
NORTHCOTE CITY V CROYDON CITY
Sunday, July 8
GREEN GULLY V MELBOURNE JUST
JUVENTUS V BULLEEN
ST ALBANS V THOMASTOWN

ROUND TWENTY-ONE
Saturday, July 14
CAULFIELD CITY V JUVENTUS

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First Division

ROUND ONE
Saturday, February 24
KNOX CITY V MOOROOLBARK
OAKLEIGH V MARIBYRNONG
Sunday, February 26
FRANKSTON PINES V DOVETON
FAWKNER V ALBION
BOX HILL V RINGWOOD
BROADMEADOWS V SPRINGVALE CITY

ROUND TWO
Saturday, March 3
BOX HILL V BROADMEADOWS
MOOROOLBARK V FRANKSTON PINES
DOVETON V FAWKNER
Sunday, March 4
MARIBYRNONG V KNOX CITY
SPRINGVALE CITY V OAKLEIGH
ALBION V RINGWOOD CITY

ROUND THREE
Saturday, March 10
KNOX CITY V SPRINGVALE CITY
Sunday, March 11
FAWKNER V FRANKSTON PINES
RINGWOOD CITY V DOVETON
BROADMEADOWS V ALBION
BOX HILL V KNOX
MARIBYRNONG V MOOROOLBARK

ROUND FOUR
Saturday, March 17
ALBION V OAKLEIGH
MOOROOLBARK V FAWKNER
DOVETON V BROADMEADOWS
Sunday, March 18
SPRINGVALE CITY V MARIBYRNONG
OAKLEIGH V DOVETON
FRANKSTON PINES V RINGWOOD CITY

ROUND FIVE
Saturday, March 24
OAKLEIGH V DOVETON
Sunday, March 25
RINGWOOD CITY V FAWKNER
BROADMEADOWS V FRANKSTON PINES
MARIBYRNONG V BOX HILL
SPRINGVALE CITY V MOOROOLBARK

ROUND SIX
Saturday, March 31
box hill v springvale
MOOROOLBARK V RINGWOOD CITY
DOVETON V KNOX CITY
Sunday, April 1
ALBION V MARIBYRNONG
FRANKSTON PINES V BOX HILL
FAWKNER V BROADMEADOWS

ROUND SEVEN
Saturday, April
BROADMEADOWS V RINGWOOD CITY
KNOX CITY V FRANKSTON
MARIBYRNONG V DOVETON
SPRINGVALE CITY V ALBION
OAKLEIGH V FAWKNER
BOX HILL V MOOROOBARK

ROUND EIGHT
Saturday, April 14
MOOROOLBARK V BROADMEADOWS
DOVETON V SPRINGVALE CITY
Sunday, April 15
ALBION V BOX HILL
FRANKSTON PINES V MARIBYRNONG
FAWKNER V KNOX CITY
RINGWOOD CITY V OAKLEIGH

ROUND NINE
Saturday, April 21
KNOX CITY V RINGWOOD CITY
OAKLEIGH V BROADMEADOWS
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BOX HILL V DOVETON
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MOOROOLBARK V OAKLEIGH
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Geelong Advertiser Cup

The Tenth Geelong Advertiser Cup began last week with Bell Park and Geelong establishing an early advantage in Victoria's premier non-metropolitan tournament.

The opening night saw a one-nil victory for Bell Park over Hamlyn Rangers in Group B, while North Geelong and Corio-Geelong United drew one-all in Group A.

A cold, blustery wind played havoc with the opening night's matches, and Hamlyn Rangers tied up the fancied Bell Park team with disciplined defence and efficient offside trap in the first half. Park came closest when young Stephen McAuliffe hit the bar. Rangers created two openings at the start of the second period, when first Andy Munro, then Jimmy Fraser tested Bell Park's keeper, Gary Walker. Park eventually sprung the offside trap when substitute Mike Oppermann put fellow striker, Mark Linney through to beat Alec Patrick for the only goal of the game. Linney had another one-on-one with the keeper shortly after but Patrick denied him this time.

Corio-Geelong United took the lead against Nth Geelong midway through the first half, when Daniel Krasic put a fine through ball to Steve Tanic. The youngster held the ball up well, then crossed for player-coach, Brendan Lakic, to blast it high into the net. This was the 400th goal scored since the inception of the Geelong Advertiser Cup. North got a somewhat lucky equaliser just before the interval when keeper, Laurie Cicero, went up for a high ball, which jarred out of his grasp as he fell and livewire striker, John Hrkac, poked it over the line.

Both sides had opportunities in a staccato second half, with Lakic getting on the end of a huge clearance by Laurie Cicero only to push the ball past Ismail Ali's right hand post, while Ivan Skoko, Zoran Rose and Danny Ward all came close for North.

On Friday it was the turn of Geelong to crush the select team from the Western Victoria Soccer Association, the local amateur league, by six goals, to nil in Group B.

East Geelong and Brintons drew one all in th eencounter between the two Provisional League sides in Group A.

Attila Harangozo had a great chance to put the WVSA ahead, but his shot struck keeper Sean Howe on the legs as he dived and the opportunity was gone. Geelong won a free kick on the right after Charles Fitzpatrick went down and Craig Plummer's well-placed cross was headed home by Liam McCloskey. McCloskey then beat the WVSA keeper on the ground and slotted the ball into the empty net a minute later, and the WVSA heads went down.

Jim McCormick came up from full-back to blast home a third goal before the interval.

Mel Jones and Donny Smythe, from a penalty, extended Geelong's lead before man-of-the-match McCloskey completed his hat-trick near the end. Seventeen-year-old Con Gaitanis had a fine debut for Geelong at left back.

After a goal-less first half, Tony Reed of Brintons sent over a tantalising cross from the bye-line which completely deceived the East Geelong keeper and Andre Prutey bundled the ball over the line from less than a metre.

This stung East Geelong into activity and Tony Bozinovski out jumped the defence to head home Done Laovski's precision free-kick.

Bozinovski had a chance to settle the game, but it would have been an injustice to Brintons had it taken less than a point from this match.

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by S. PARK.

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work by electing to shoot from impossible angles instead of passing to a better-placed teammate.

The vociferous Georgie fans were getting very apprehensive towards the end before David Clarkson put them out of their misery with another of those brilliant goals for which he is becoming famous.

The only other team to collect maximum points over the holiday was Adelaide City.

City beat newly-promoted neighbour Adelaide Hellas 2-0 before a very large crowd at Hindmarsh Stadium on the Wednesday night, and thus was able to have a very nice long rest before demolishing Wollongong 3-0 on Sunday.

Poor Wollongong, sliding steadily into the relegation zone played twice away from home without scoring a goal or collecting a point.

That game was a personal triumph for Steve Maxwell who quadrupled his season's tally with a hat-trick.

In other games, high-flying APIA came a cropper in Adelaide going down 2-1 to Hellas, thanks to a last-minute in-swinging corner from captain Alby Kidd.

That result lifted Hellas off the bottom rung for the first time this season and it was replaced by Blacktown.

Since its callous dumping of Les Scheinflug five weeks ago, Blacktown hasn't won a game, which makes it hard to resist saying it serves them right.

Meanwhile high-scoring Marconi keeps stumbling along — its last four games have produced only three points, but on Monday Berti Mariani was still assuring the Press that he wasn't worried, although it seems the champions will have to manage without Zlatko Nastevski for a while.

South Melbourne paid another fruitless visit to Sydney.

It has now journeyed to Sin City five times for a meagre two points, although this time it did manage to score its first goal.

LEAGUE LADDERS

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brintons	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Corio-Geel. Un	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
East Geel	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Nth Geel	1	0	1	0	1	1	1

Group B

Geelong	1	1	0	0	6	0	2
Bell Park	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Hamlyn R	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
WVSA	1	0	0	1	0	6	0

This weeks' matches — Wednesday 31st January.

Group A: 6.00 pm Corio-Geelung Un v East Geelong.

Group B: 7.10 pm Geelong v Hamlyn Rangers.

Friday, 2nd February.

Group A: 6.00 pm Brintons v North Geelong.

Group B: 7.10 pm, WVSA v Bell Park.

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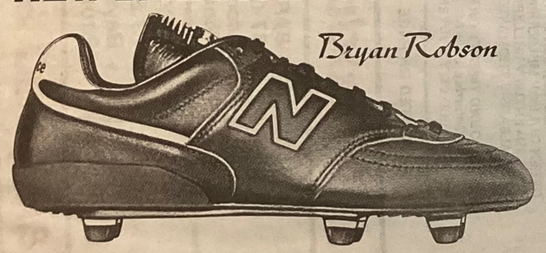

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The wall in the background is part of the Olympic Velodrome, which was demolished to make way for the greyhound race track stand. The ground is of course Olympic Park and the picture shows Torpedo lined up for presentation before the game against Victoria, February 1965.

HAVING lost the first encounter in Sydney against visiting Russian First Division team Moscow Torpedo, Frank Arok will be hoping for a better result tomorrow night (Friday) in the second game of the two-match series.

The two in-form strikers, Rod Brown and Paul Trimboli who missed the first game through injury have been included for this game, but Zlatko Nastevski who limped off with a twisted knee after only 34 minutes in Sydney is still not fit.

The other casualty in the Sydney game was Alex Tobin who had to leave the field ater only half an hour with a badly gashed head.

He has passed a fitness test however and is included in tomorrow's squad. Out goes goalkeeper Bob Catlin, he will be replaced by either Adelaide City's Robert Zabica or Preston's Phil Traianedes.

This could be the last time that Frank Arok coaches a Socceroo team, after the remarkable decision to advertise his job world-wide.

The star of the first game was undoubtedly goalkeeper Valeri Sarichev, who looks destined to succeed the great Rinat Dasaev in the USSR national team.

Coincidentally, when Torpedo Moscow last visited Australia, twenty-five years ago to the month, its star also was its goalkeeper, Kavashvili, who went on to succeed the great Lev Yashin as the national goalkeeper.

The game between Australia and Torpedo will be preceded by the VSF Junior Gold Cup Final for Under 12s, between North Reservoir and Sunshine Heights, which kicks off at 5.15 pm.

The squads:

Australia: Goalkeepers Robert Zabica (Adelaide City) and Phil Traianedes (Preston), defenders Charlie Yankos (Blacktown), Alex Tobin (Adelaide City), Gary van Egmond (Marconi) and Andrew Marth (George Cross), midfielders Ian Gray and Tom McCulloch (Marconi), Paul Wade and Mike Petersen (Sth. Melb.), forwards Zeljko Adzic and John Markovski (Melb. Croatia), Aurelio Vidmar (Adelaide City, Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia), Paul Trimboli and Kimon Taliadoros (Sth. Melb.) and Rod Brown (APIA).

Torpedo: Valeri Sarichev, Andre Calaychev, Valentin Kovach, Rinat Ataulin, Vadim Rogovskoi, Sergei Shustikov, Yuri Savichev, Alexander Gitsyelov, Nicolai Savichev, Oleg Shirinbekov, Sergei Agashkov, Vladimir Grechneyev, Sergei Zhukov, Gennady Grishin, Andrei Afanasyev.

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MIDWEEK SUMMER SOCCER COMES TO 1990 NSL CUP

Midweek summer soccer comes to the National Soccer League next month in the form of the NSL Cup which kicks off on Wednesday, 7th February, 1990.

In the official draw released today by League General Manager, Mr Peter Russell, the first round sees 6 matches played on a regional basis, with APIA Leichhardt and Blacktown City being given byes.

The League has also taken the step of issuing the draws for Rounds 2 and 3 rather than doing this at the completion of each round.

Although dates and venues have been set for Round 1, details of future rounds will be arranged once participants are known, in an attempt to avoid clubs potentially meeting in League and Cup matches within the space of a few days.

The date of the Cup Final will be determined following finalisation of discussions with ABC television who are seeking to broadcast the match in full. Scheduling problems within the ABC have prevented the original date of April 25th from being used.

The League will be closely monitoring the level of crowds for these midweek matches with a view ot scheduling some National Soccer League matches on Wednesday nights during next season's summer months.

This could also be the last time in which the Cup is played as a midweek format. The League considering plans to provide the knockout competition with its own playing period, as a pre-season competition. It is also planning to hold discussions with the ASF to consider possible expansion of the Cup to include State Federation Clubs, along the lines of the FA Cup.

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The full draw is as follows:

ROUND 1
Wednesday, February 7
Match B Melbourne Croatia v Preston Makedonia Olympic Park 8.00 pm
Match D Melita Eagles v Sydney Olympic St George Stad 7.30 pm

Wednesday, February 14
Match A Adelaide City v Adelaide Hellas Hindmarsh Stadium 8.00 pm.
Match C Sunshine GC v South Melbourne, Olympic Park, 8.00 pm.
Match E St George BSC v Sydney Croatia, St George Stadium, 7.30 pm

Wednesday, February 21
Match F Marconi v Wollongong City, Marconi Stadium, 7.30 pm.
Byes: APIA Leichhardt, Blacktown City.

ROUND 2
Dates and venues to be announced.
Match G Winner 'B' v Winner 'A'
Match H Winner 'F' v Apia Leichhardt
Match I Winner 'C' v Blacktown City
Match J Winner 'E' v Winner 'D'

ROUND 3
Dates and venues to be announced
Match K Winner 'G' v Winner 'i'
Match L Winner 'H' v Winner 'J'
FINAL
Date and venue to be announced.

SNIPPETS

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expectation of being appointed for 1990.

But the club thought otherwise and negotiated with John Gardiner. Gardiner was actually appointed and was asked to go along and meet the players after the final of the Italian Cup, but only five days later he was dumped by the new administration and Vieri appointed in his place.

Gardiner's probably thinking now that he's well out of it.

You can't help coming to the conclusion that unless Juventus gets its act together soon it can forget all about winning its way back into the NSL in the next season or so.

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CAN ADELAIDE HELLAS SURVIVE IN THE NSL? Another competent coach who must be wondering whether he did the right thing is Brian Garvey.

He joined Adelaide Hellas after the unfortunate Peter Jaksa was dumped following Hellas' 4-0 thrashing by St George in round seven.

Hellas had garnered just one point at that stage and were looking like a chopping-block for the rest of the NSL, but in fairness to Jaksa it has to be said that of Hellas' first seven games it had played no fewer than five away from home and its opponents on those away trips included APIA, Preston and Melbourne Croatia.

It was a daunting start for a club that had been thrown in at the deep end, as it were, a mere two weeks before the start of the season.

Panic set in as the club scoured the country for players.

They are still chortling down Morwell way about how they unloaded Billy Wright on to an unsuspecting Hellas.

Wright incurred a four match suspension after his antics in Melbourne, but Hellas only found this out after they had taken him to Sydney to play against St George and motor-mouth hadn't bothered to inform them!

Brian Garvey had a big boost in his first game as his new team thrashed in and out Wollongong City, but he hasn't found it easy since, with only a win in Sydney against a strife-torn Croatia to brighten the gloom.

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THE HEAT CERTAINLY HASN'T BEEN ON The so-called summer season of the NSL has just passed the halway mark, and whilst it is too soon to pass judgment on the success or failure of the experiment, one or two facts are unassailably true.

The NSL has been extraordinarily lucky with the weather.

Sydney has has plenty of rain, which has kept the pitches there in very good nick and the summer has been unseasonably cool there too.

Here in Melbourne it hasn't rained since Xmas and the bone-hard pitches are starting to show signs of wear and tear.

But someone up there must have a fondness for soccer players, because although we have had some extremely hot days in January, mysteriously they have always fallen in the midweek, and we have yet to experience a hot Saturday or Sunday.

Even so, there are now coaches in Melbourne muttering about the difficulty of training players in the heat and the list of injuries brought on by the hard grounds is lengthening.

Pity poor Warren Spink who came back after a seven-week injury lay-off and only lasted until half-time before limping off a victim of Conner Reserve's dreadful surface.

The other indisputable fact is tha t Melbourne soccer fans have demonstrated once again their disdain for most interstate clubs.

Whilst the NSL hierarchy can point with pride to some big attendances in Melbourne, at the same time they would have to admit that those games didn't involve teams like Wollongong, Blacktown, Adelaide Hellas, Melita Eagles and St George.

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Preston Makedonia ran up eight goals against Clifton Hill, with hat-Stefanovski) 6, East Richmond (Hau Tsung Lay).

Heidelberg United 0 South Melbourne Hellas White (Michael Michalakopoulos) 2.

Melbourne City JUST (Tony Markovski, Saso Becvinovski, Micky Soldatovic own goal) 4, Geelong City (Tony Bozinovski, own goal) 2.

North Geelong 0 Altona Gate 2.

South Melbourne Hellas Blue 0 Clifton Hill (Peter Psarros 2, Jim Nastos) 3.

Caulfield City v Bye.

Monday, 29th January 1990

Preston Makedonia (Tony Lingurovski) 1, Melbourne Croatia (Mark Varvodac) 1.

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National Youth League (Southern Division). Melbourne Croatia and JUST in nine-goal thriller in NYL South.

Melbourne Croatia and Melbourne City JUST played out an incredible nine goal match at Holland Park on Friday, with Croatia getting the winning goal with only two minutes to play, after JUST had a chance to settle the issue two minutes earlier. Saso Becvinovski and Robin Stankovski each grabbed a double for JUST, while Joe Bacak and Tom Lovric got two for Croatia, with the other from John Botica.

Lovric's winner in the dying minutes was worthy of winning any game as he fired home a magnificent overhead kick which gave eter Sorocuk no chance.

tricks by Joe Markovac and Michael Cassar and goals Zdravko Trajovski and Tony Lingurovski. Con Skliros got a consolation goal for Clifton Hill.

South Melbourne Hellas Blue defeated Caulfield City by two goals to one at Olympic Park. Manuel de la Plaza opened for Hellas with a shot over the keeper, then he drossed for Michael Peri to score. Darmon Bahktiar played extremely well in defence for Hellas. Nick Papadopoulos replied for Caulfield from a free kick.

The Caulfield lads were somewhat overawed by the surroundings but Engel Schmidl and young Jim Filis in particular stood out.

Heidelberg United and East Richmond drew one-all with both goals coming from penalties. Michael Apidopoulos scored for East Richmond and George Nitsou for Heidelberg.

In Sunday's matches, Altona Gate defeated North Geelong by two goals to nil, with the first coming from a penalty in the fifth minute and the second in the last minute of the match. Robert Cosic hit the bar for North and Zoran Roso came close to scoring.

Melbourne City JUST fought back to beat Geelong City by four goals to two after Tony Bozinvoski had given Geelong City an early lead. Peter Sorocuk's long kick from hand cleared his opposite number, Adam Oates and forced th eCity sweeper to concede an own goal. Tony Markovski made in two for JUST, whose player-coach then contributed an even more bizarre own goal.

Saso Becvinovski put JUST ahead and after City was denied a penalty, Micky Soldatovic made the points secure.

South Melbourne Hellas White came into its own the second half against Heidelberg United at Olympic Village and after Con Boutsianis had a penalty saved, Michael Michalakopoulos scored twice for Hellas.

Sunshine George Cross had no trouble in beating East Richmond by six goals to one. Kevin Muscat opened for George Cross after 14 minutes and then goals followed in a steady stream, with Athan Zacharias and Mitchell Cattermole each getting two and Lou Stefanovski one. Hau Tsung Lay got East Richmond's late counter.

Clifton Hill bounced back to defeat South Melbourne Hellas Blue by three goals to nil, thanks to two goals by Peter Psarros an done by Jim Nastos.

League Ladder

Melb.Cr	11	10	1	35	12	21
Altona G	11	9	0	2	34	9	18
Sth Melb.H.W	13	8	2	3	25	12	18
Sunsh.GC	12	7	3	2	32	20	17
Melb.C.J	13	6	3	4	35	25	15
Pres.M	11	5	1	4	22	14	13
Geel. C	12	5	1	6	20	27	11
EastRich	12	4	1	7	21	30	9
Heid.U	12	3	3	7	14	27	9
NthGeel	11	4	0	7	23	25	8
Caul.C	11	0	4	7	11	22	4
Clifton H	9	2	0	7	7	30	4
S/M/H/B	11	1	1	9	8	34	3

Next week's Draw Saturday 3rd February 1990:

Melbourne Croatia v Sth Melbourne Hellas Blue.

Sunday 4th February, 1990:

Geelong City v Preston Makedonia (at East Geelong, Myers Reserve, kick-off 3.00 pm).

East Richmond v North Geelong, Clifton Hill v Caulfield City; Altona Gate v Melbourne City JUST; Bye v Heidelberg United; South Melb. Hellas White v Sunshine George Cross.

Leading goalscorers: Saso Becvinovski, Melbourne City JUST 19

Joe Bacak, Melbourne Croatia 13

Adrian Cervinski, Nth Geelong 9

Con Boutsianis, Sth Melb. Hellas White ... 7

Charles Fitzpatrick, Geelong City. 6

JoeMarkovac, Preston Makedonia. 6

Kevin Muscat, Sunshine George Cross 6

Trajce Latomanski, Altona Gate 6

THE WEEKEND'S NSL FIXTURES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Melbourne Croatia v Sydney Olympic, Somers Street, KO 6 pm.

Wollongong v APIA Leichhardt, Brandon Park KO 5.30 pm.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4

South Melbourne v Sunshine George Cross, Middle Park KO 6 pm.

Adelaide Hellas v Preston Makedonia, Hindmarsh Stadium KO 8 pm.

Melita Eagles v Adelaide City, Melita Stadium, KO 6 pm.

St George v Sydney Croatia, Croatian Sports Centre, KO 6 pm.

Marconi v Blacktown City, Marconi Stadium, KO 8 pm.

Quit NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

MELBOURNE'S FINALS HOPES LOOKING BRIGHT As the NSL moves into second half of its season, the finals chances of the Melbourne Clubs are looking brighter.

For the first time for many weeks, Melbourne Croatia's Ivan Reznjevic is in the happy dilemma of having a full squad to pick from.

Croatia's hard-fought win over Preston Makedonia on Monday night — Preston's first loss at Connor Reserve since July 1988 incidentally — showed how much the team relies on its midfield trio of Branko Milosevic, Zeljko Adzic and Josip Biskic.

Reznjevic will be keeping his fingers crossed from ow on in the hope that the injury hoodoo on them has ended.

Saturday night's game at Somers Street against the classy Sydney Olympic which picked up three points over the holiday weekend should attract a bumper crowd.

Sunshine George Cross, one of only two clubs to pick up four points over the holiday weekend travels to Middle Park to face South Melbourne in Melbourne's other game this weekend.

South won't have forgotten that Georgie gave it its first setback this season when it went down 2-0 at Skinner reserve and will be thirsting for revenge as well as hoping to preserve its unbeaten home record.

Ferenc Puskas will be praying that his Socceroo quartet of Paul Wade, Mike Petersen, Paul Trimboli and Kim Taliadoros all come through Friday's encounter with Torpedo unscathed.

Georgie's Ernie Merrick has had his share of injury problems too and he will be hoping that both George Alevizos and Paul Foster will be passed fit for the game.

Preston Makedonia will be anxious to get back on the winning trail after Monday's setback and it travels to Adelaide to meet Hellas, a match that might present it with a few problems.

Hellas will be full of confidence after dragging itsel foff the bottom of the ladder with its fine win over League leader APIA last weekend.

Coach Ljube Jancev will be hoping to have a fit Andrew Zinni available.

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HOW MUCH LONGER CAN WE AFFORD TO GO ON EXPORTING OUR BEST PLAYERS?

● *David Jack, considered the doyen of Sydney soccer writers was chairman of the Football Writers Association before migrating to Australia in 1964 to write for the "Sydney Sun".*

● *David Mitchell.* ● *Steve Blair* ● *Paul Kay* ● *Oscar Crino* ● *Mark Koussas* ● *Peter Raskopoulos*

WHEN "SOCCER STAR" editor Les Shorrock asked me to contribute some thoughts and observations on where Australian soccer is heading, I had grave doubts about acceptingthe invitation.

After all, it is exactly two years since I turned my back on the sports writing caper, preferring to settle for early retirement and all its delights.

I don't think I have completely lost touch with soccer, however. When one has been writing about the great game for 40 years — 20 in England and 20 in Australia — it is impossible to cut oneself totally adrift.

Also, having been out of the sport for a couple of years, it is possible to stand back and survey the scene dispassionately.

Let us not forget that many a newspaperman has had his opinions and assessments clouded with some bias simply because he became too close to his subject.

Having delivered what I hope is not too pompous a preamble, let me tackle the matter in hand.

Australian soccer — what does the future hold for it? Even more alarming — does it have any future?

Ever since I became involved in it, I have been entirely convinced that soccer in this country has two major problems. First, there are not enough spectators to make the game a viable financial proposition. And secondly, the ethnic influence is much too powerful. These twin headaches are not divorced: indeed there is evidence to suggest they are tightly inter-related.

Over the years I built up sound and lasting friendships with officials of ethnic clubs. They are, mostly, delightful people.

But at the risk of fracturing such friendships, let me say, without equivocation, that there is no place in Australia's soccer future for teams carrying names like Croatia, Hellas, Avala, Juventus, Macedonia and Uruguay.

Yes, I realise the vast bulk of spectators at senior, semi-professional matches are from migrant communities. But would they suddenly cease to support the code if their favourite team had a name change? That has to be proved — or disproved.

Perhaps the biggest name in top Sydney soccer some years ago was Pan Hellenic. They had a good team and enjoyed substantial support from a huge Greek community in Australia's largest city.

Imagine the feeling of those fans when they were told their beloved Pan Hellenic would have to change its name to a completely new Sydney Olympic.

The diehards were furious, swearing they would never support Sydney Olympic following the death of Pan Hellenic.

Strangely enough, Sydney Olympic's match attendances remained buoyant and the team was still the best-supported in New South Wales.

To some, I suppose, Olympic is an ethnic name, associated entirely with Greece.

Johnny Thomson, a long-time soccer administrator, known as a Scottish Greek Aussie, was responsible for the birth of the name Sydney Olympic. And Johnny says: "How can you class the word Olympic as ethnic? Olympic stands for all that is best in sporting achievement — as we discover every four years at the Olympic Games.

It is a wonderful name. Would anyone class Olympians Dawn Fraser, Jesse Owens or Mark Spitz as Greeks?

By the way, it must have been at least 20 years since Johnny Thomson — then the Treasurer of the NSW Soccer Federation — called for the complete outlawing of foreign names in NSW clubs. His motion was defeated, voted out by the ethnic majority after Federation debate.

Australian soccer has stuck by its ethnic names and foreign image ever since. It is a policy which has been perpetuated to suit the whims of the migrants who make up, perhaps 25 per cent, of this nation's population. But to pander to that 25 per cent, soccer, perhaps unknowingly, inevitably antagonises the other 75 per cent.

This, I believe, is why the Aussies, the dinky-di Aussies, and also the large British community in Australia, do not attend soccer matches here in large numbers.

When I started writing this piece, I had no intention of presenting "Soccer Star" readers with a pessimistic perusal of soccer the dying game.

I am sure the sport is much too big — yes, even here — to perish. So let us look at some of the nicer things associated with soccer in Australia, the sort of things that allow us to hold out some hope for the coming decade and decades into the future.

Without a doubt, the greatest step forward for soccer in Australia has been the emergence of outstanding young players in the 16 to 21 age group.

This enormous progress started creeping in during the 1981 World Youth Championship, hosted by Australia.

All of a sudden, Youth squad players, whose ability had made no impression on the hard-to-please public, became stars of the future. There was Oscar Crino, Peter Raskopoulos, Steve Blair, Rob Wheatley, paul Kay, David Mitchell, Mark Koussas and others.

These were, in the main, Australian-born footballers, who had learned and developed their soccer in Australia.

The days when Australian national squads were stacked with overseas players — some from the nether regions of Scotland's Division Two or England's Division Four — had ended.

From 1981 on, Australian spectators had the pleasure of supporting genuine Australian players w- ring the green and gold.

And look what has happened since. Once the assembly line was set up in the early 1980s, the supply of talent increased dramatically.

Unfortunately, the rest of the world realised there was talent aplenty in soccer's outback wilderness . . . Australia.

Talent scouts reported back to their European masters. And the talent drain began.

As I write, there are about 30 Australian soccer players earning a living overseas.

Until the arrival of the excellent Craig Johnston at Middlesbrough and Liverpool, there was only one! His name? Joe Marston . . . the only Aussie to make the grade overseas in 100 years.

We should be happy about the soccer talent drain, emphasising as it does that soccer in Australia is no longer in the hands of mug players.

But can Australia afford to lose 30 of its most promising young players?

That is another question and, perhaps, another story for "Soccer Star".

☆ ***D. JACK***

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Super Division

Sunday, July 15
THOMASTOWN V MELBOURNE JUST
ST ALBANS V NORTHCOTE CITY
BULLEEN V MORWELL FALCONS
HEIDELBERG UTD V GREEN GULLY
CROYDON CITY V ALTONA GATE

ROUND TWENTY-TWO
Saturday, July 21
MORWELL FALCONS V CAULFIELD CITY
ALTONA GATE VS ST ALBANS
NORTHCOTE CITY V THOMASTOWN
Sunday, July 22
MELBOURNE JUST V HEIDELBERG UTD
GREEN GULLY V BULLEEN
JUVENTUS V CROYDON CITY

First Division

Sunday July 15
BOX HILL V FRANKSTON PINES
ALBION V DOVETON
SPRINGVALE CITY V FAWKNER
MARIBYRNONG V RINGWOOD CITY
ROUND TWENTY-TWO
Saturday July 21
KNOX CITY V OAKLEIGH
DOVETON V MOOROOLBARK
Sunday July 22
BROADMEADOWS V MARIBYRNONG
RINGWOOD CITY V SPRINGVALE CITY
FAWKNER V BOX HILL
FRANKSTON PINES V ALBION

Victoria League Division Two Fixtures

Round One, Sat. March 31: Brighton v Bell Park, Chelsea v Ringw. Un, Clarinda v Richmond, Clifton Hill v Mornington, Coburg v Heidelberg C, Corio/Geelong v Eltham D.V.U., Doncaster Rov. v Seaford Un.

Round Two, Sat. April 7: Eltham/DVU v Doncaster Rov., Heidelb. C v Corio/Geelong, Mornington v Coburg, Richm. v Clifton Hill, Ringw. Un v Clarinda, Bell Park v Chelsea, Seaford Un v Brighton.

Round Three, Sat. April 14: Chelsea v Brighton, Clarinda v Bell park, Vlifton Hill v Ringw Un, Coburg v Richmond, Corio/Geelong U v Mornington, Donc. Rov. v Heidelberg C, Eltham EV v Seaford Un.

Round Four, Sat. April 21: Heidelberg C v Eltham DV, Mornington v Donc. Rovers, Richmond v Corio/Geelong U, Ringwood Un v Coburg, Seaford Un v Chelsea, Bell Park v Clifton Hill, Brighton v Carlinda.

Round Five, Sat. April 28: Clarinda v Chelsea, Clifton Hill v Brighton, Coburg v Bell Park, Corio/Geelong U v Ringwood Un, Doncaster Rov. v Richmond, Eltham DV v Mornington, Heidelberg City v Seaford Un.

Round Six, Sat. May 5: Mornington v Heidelb. C, Richmond v Elth. DV, Ringwood Un v Doncasters Rovers, Seaford Un v Clarinda, Bell Park v Corio/Geelong, Brighton v Coburg, Chelsea v Clifton Hill.

Round Seven, Sat. May 12: Clifton Hill v Clarinda, Coburg v Chelsea, Corio/Geelong v Brighton, Doncaster Rovers v Bell Park, Eltham DV v Ringw. United, Heidelberg C v Richmond, Mornington v Seaford Un.

Round Eight, Sat. May 19: Richmond v Mornington, Ringw. Un v Heidelberg C, Seaford Un v Clifton Hill, Bell Park v Eltham DV, Brighton v Doncster Rovers, Chelsea v Corio/Geelong, Clarinda v Coburg.

Round Nine, Sat. May 26: Coburg/Geelong U. v Clarinda, Doncaster Rovers v Chelsea, Eltham DV U v Brighton, Heidelberg C v Bell Park, Mornington v Ringwood Un, Richmond v Seaford Un.

Round Ten, Sat. June 2: Ringwood Un v Richmond, Seaford Un v Coburg, Bell Park vs Mornington, Brighton vs Heidelberg C, Chelsea vs Eltham DV U, Clarinda vs Doncaster Rovers, Clifton Hill v Corio/Geelong.

Round Eleven, Sat. June 9: Corio/Geelong v Coburg, Doncaster Rovers v Clifton Hill, Eltham DV U vs Clarinda, Heidelberg City vs Chelsea, Mornington vs Brighton, Richmond vs Bell Park, Ringwood Un vs Seaford Un.

Round Twelve, Sat. June 16: Seaford Un vs Corio/Geelong Utd, Bell Park vs Ringw. Un, Brighton vs Richmond, Chelsea vs Mornington, Clarinda vs Heidelberg City, Clifton Hill vs Eltham DV U, Coburg vs Doncaster Rov.

Round Thirteen, Sat. June 23: Donc. Rovers v Corio/Geelong Utd, Eltham DV vs Coburg, Heidelberg C vs Clifton Hill, Mornington vs Clarinda, Richmond vs Chelsea, Ringwood Un vs Brighton, Bell Park vs Seaford Un.

Round Fourteen, Sat. June 30: Bell Park v Brighton, Ringwood Un v Chelsea, Richmond vs Clarinda, Mornington vs Clifton Hill, Heidelberg C v Coburg, Eltham DV vs Corio/Geelong Utd, Seaford Un vs Doncaster Rovers.

Round Fifteen, Sat. July 7: Doncaster Rovers vs Eltham D V, Corio/Geelong U vs Heidelberg C, Coburg vs Mornington, Clifton Hill vs Richmond, Clarinda vs Ringwood Un, Chelsea vs Bell Park, Brighton vs Seaford Un.

Round Sixteen, Sat. July 14: Brighton vs Chelsea, Bell Park v Clarinda, Ringwood Un v Clifton Hill, Richmond vs Coburg, Mornington vs Corio/Geelong Utd, Heidelberg City vs Doncaster Rovers, Seaford Un v Eltham DV.

Round Seventeen, Sat. July 21: Eltham D.V. v Heidelberg City, Donc. Rovers v Mornington, Corio/Geelong U vs Richmond, Coburg vs Ringw Un, Chelsea v Seaford Un, Clifton Hill v Bell Park, Clarinda vs Brighton.

Round Eighteen, Sat. July 28: Chelsea v Clarinda, Brighton vs Clifton Hill, Bell Park vs Coburg, Ringw. Un vs Corio/Geelong Utd, Richmond vs Doncaster R, Mornington vs Eltham DV, Seaford Un vs Heidelberg C.

Round Nineteen, Sat. August 4: Heidelberg C v Mornington, Eltham DV vs Richmond, Donc Rovers v Ringwood Un., Clarinda vs Seaford Un, Corio/Geelong Utd, vs Bell Park, Coburg vs Brighton, Clifton Hill vs Chelsea.

Round Twenty, Sat. August 11: Clarinda vs Clifton Hill, Chelsea vs Coburg, Brighton vs Corio/Geelong Utd, Bell Park vs Doncaster Rovers, Ringwood Un vs Eltham DV, Richmond v Heidelberg City, Seaford Un. vs. Mornington.

Round Twenty-one, Sat. Aug. 18: Mornington vs Richmond, Heidelberg C vs Ringwood Utd, Clifton Hill vs Seaford Un, Eltham DV v Bell park, Doncaster Rovers v Brighton, Corio/Geelong Utd vs Chelsea, Doburg vs Clarinda.

Round Twenty-two, Sat. August 25: Clifton Hill v Coburg, Clarinda vs Corio/Geelong Utd, Chelsea vs Doncaste r Rov., Brighton vs Eltham DV, Bell park vs Heidelberg City, Ringwood Un vs Mornington, Seaford Un vs Richmond.

Round Twenty-three: Richmond vs Ringwood Un, Coburg vs Seaford Un, Mornington vs Bell Park, Heidelberg City vs Brighton Eltham DV vs Chelsea, Doncaster Rovers vs Clarinda, Corio/Geelong Utd vs Clifton Hill.

Round Twenty-four, Sat. Sept. 8: Coburg vs Corio/Geelong Utd, Clifton Hill vs Doncaster Rovers, Clarinda vs Eltham DV, Chelsea vs Heidelberg City, Brighton vs Mornington, Bell Park vs Richmond, Seaford Un vs Ringwood Un.

Round Twenty-five, Sat. Sept. 15: Corio/Geelong Utd vs Seaford United, Ringwood United vs Bell Park, Richmond vs Brighton, Mornington vs Chelsea, Heidelberg City vs Clarinda, Eltham DV, vs Clifton Hill, Doncaster Rovers vs Coburg.

Round Twenty-six, Sat. Sept. 22: Corio/Geelong Utd. v Doncaster Rovers, Coburg vs Eltham DV, Clifton Hill vs Heidelberg City, Clarinda vs Mornington, Chelsea vs Richmond, Brighton v Ringwood Un., Seaford Un vs Bell Park.

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Sunday June 17, Western Subs. v Geelong, Nth. Geelong v Westgate, Mordialloc v Sandringham City.

Thursday June 21st June 23: Wav. City v Geelong, Sandrigh. C. v Nunawading C, Sunbury Un v Mordialloc, Pt. Melb. v Werribee.

Sunday June 24: Westgate v Ess. City, Western Subs. v Nth. Geelong, Keilor v Dandenong.

Round Fourteen, Sat. June 30: Danden. v Port Melb., Sunbury Un v Nunawading City, Werribee v Mordialloc, Sandringham City v Geelong.

Sun. July 1: Westgate v Keilor, West. Suburbs v Wav. City, Nth. Geelong v Essendon City.

Round Fifteen Sat. July 7: Wav. City v Sandringham City ,Nunawding City v Werribee, Pt. Melb. v Westgate, Essen. City v Western Subs., Keilor v Nth. Geelong.

Sunday July 8: Geelong v Sunbury Un, Mordialloc v Dandenong.

Round Sixteen Sat. July 14: Ess. City v Keilor, Dandenong v Nunawading C, Sunbury Un v Waverley City, Werribee v Geeling.

Sunday July 15: Westgate v Mordialloc, Nth Geelong v Pt. Melb., West. Suburbs v Sandringham.

Round Seventeen Sat. July 21: Sandringham City v Sunbury Un, Wav. City v Werribee, Nunawading City v Western Subs., Geelong v Pt. Melb., Mordialloc v Essendon C., Keilor v Western Subs.

Sun. July 22: Geelong v Dandenong, Mordialloc v Nth Geelong.

Round Eighteen, Sat. July 28: Keilor v Pt Melb., Werribee v Waverley City, Dandenong v Sandringham, Ess. City v Mordialloc.

Sunday July 29: Westgate v Geelong, Nth. Geelong v Nunawading, West. Suburbs v Sunbury Un.

Round Nineteen, Sat. August 4: Sunbury Un v Werribee, Sand. City v Dandenong, Wav. City v Westgate, Nunawading City v Ess. City, Pt. Melb. v Western Subs.

Sun. August 5: Geelong v Nth. Geelong, Mordialloc v Keilor.

Round Twenty, Sat. August 11: Keilor v Nunawading City, Dand. v Sunbury Un, Essendon City v Geelong, Pt. Melb. v Mordialloc.

Sun. August 12: Nth. Geelong v Wav. City, West. Subs. v Werribee, Westgate v Sandringham C.

Round Twenty-one: Sat. August 18: Werribee v Dand., Sunbury Un v Westrgate, Wav. City v Ess. City, Nunawading City v Pt. Melb., Sandringham City v Nth. Geelong.

Sunday August 19: Geelong v Keilor, Mordialloc v Western Subs.

Round Twenty-two, Sat. August 25: Keilor v Waverley City, Ess. City v Sandringham City, Pt. Melb., v Geelong.

Sun. August 26: Westgate v Werribee, Mordialloc v Nunawading City, Nth. Geelong v Sunbury Un., Western Subs. v Dandenong.

Round Twenty-three Sat. September 1: Dandenong v Westgate, Sunb. Un v Essendon City, Sandringham City v Keilor, Wav. City v Pt Melb., Nunawading City v Western Subs., Werribee v Nth Geelong.

Sunday Sept 2: : Geelong v Mordialloc.

Round Twenty-four, Sat. September 8: Pt Melb. v Sandringham City, Keilor v Sunbury Un., Essendon City v Werribee, Nunawading City v Geelong.

Sunday September 9: Mordialloc v Wav. City, West. Subsd. v Westgate, Nth Geelong v Dandenong.

Round Twenty-five, Sat. September 15: Dandenong v Essendon City, Werribee v Keilor, Sunbury Un v Pt. Melb., Wav. City v Nunawading City, Sandringham City v Mordialloc.

Sun. Sept. 16: Geelong v Western Subs., Westgate v Nth. Geelong.

Round Twenty-six, Sat. September 22: Nunawading City v Sandringham City, Werribee v Pt. Melb., Dandenong v Keilor, Ess. City v Westgate.

Sunday September 23: Nth Geelong v Western Subs., Geelong v Waverley C., Mordialloc v Sunbury Un.

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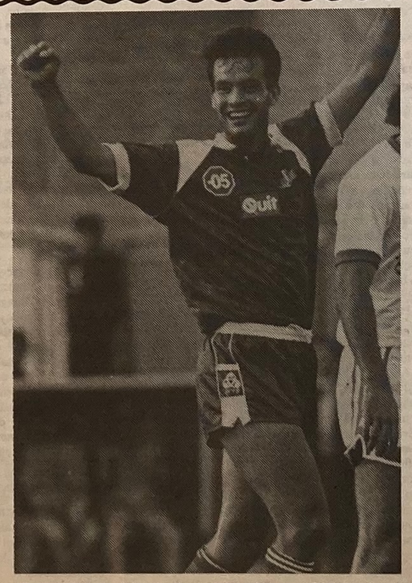

● *Georgie's Paul Foster. Scored the winner on Friday and got another on Sunday.*

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England

Britain — English FA Cup — Fourth round: Arsenal 0 Queen's Park Rangers 0, Aston Villa 6 Port Vale 0, Barnsley 2 Ipswich 0, Blackpool 1 Torquay 0, Bristol City 1 Chelsea 1, Crystal Palace 4 Huddersfield 0, Millwall 1 Cambridge 1, Oldham 2 Brighton 1, Reading 3 Newcastle 3, Rochdale 3 Northampton 0, Sheffield United 1 Watford 1, Southampton 1 Oxford 0, West Bromwich 1 Charlton 0.

England League — Division one: No scheduled matches.

Division two: Blackburn 3 Stoke 0 (postponed from Dec 16).

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds	27	16	7	4	46	26	55
Sheffield Utd	27	14	9	4	43	30	51
Swindon	27	12	7	8	49	38	43
Oldham	27	11	10	6	38	32	43
Sunderland	27	11	10	6	45	41	43
Newcastle	26	11	8	7	47	36	41
Ipswich	26	11	8	7	38	36	41
Wolverhampton	27	10	9	8	43	35	39
Blackburn	27	9	12	6	50	43	39
Port Vale	27	11	6	10	38	34	37
Oxford	27	10	7	10	38	37	37
Bournemouth	27	10	6	11	45	36	36
West Ham	27	9	7	11	40	38	34
Watford	27	9	7	11	35	35	34
Leicester	27	8	7	11	38	40	31
Plymouth	27	7	10	10	37	41	31
Portsmouth	27	7	9	11	34	46	30
West Bromwich	27	8	6	13	32	40	30
Middlesbrough	27	8	5	14	33	40	29
Brighton	26	8	11	9	30	40	28
Hull	27	6	10	11	30	40	28
Bradford	27	7	7	13	29	50	28
Barnsley	27	4	10	13	23	45	22

Division three: Birmingham 0 Shrewsbury 1, Bury 0 Brentford 2, Cardiff v Mansfield postponed, Fulham 1 Crewe 1, Leyton Orient 1 Walsall 1, Rotherham 0 Tranmere 0, Chester 1 Swansea 0.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol City	24	14	5	5	33	20	47
Notts County	25	13	7	5	37	25	46
Bristol Rovers	24	11	9	4	32	19	42
Bolton	24	11	9	4	38	26	42
Huddersfield	24	11	9	4	35	20	42
Rotherham	26	11	8	7	48	31	41
Tranmere	25	11	6	8	43	28	39
Bury	25	11	6	8	41	34	39
Birmingham	25	10	5	10	29	29	35
Shrewsbury	25	9	7	9	36	34	34
Brentford	26	10	3	13	41	33	33
Northampton	23	8	7	8	30	31	31
Fulham	26	7	9	10	30	33	30
Wigan	24	7	9	8	26	30	30
Chester	26	7	9	10	25	35	30
Swansea	25	8	6	11	32	36	30
Preston	25	8	5	12	36	44	29
Leyton Orient	26	8	5	13	32	40	29
Crewe	24	7	7	10	32	35	28
Reading	23	6	10	7	26	30	28
Cardiff	23	6	8	9	28	36	26
Walsall	24	7	5	13	24	35	25
Blackpool	24	5	8	11	21	30	23
Walsall	24	5	7	12	20	35	22

Division four: Exeter v Burnley postponed, Gillingham 0 Hartlepool 0, Grimsby 1 Carlisle 0, Peterborough 2 Doncaster 1, Scarborough 0 Scunthorpe 0, Southend 5 Aldershot 0, Stockport 1 Maldstone 2, York 3 Colchester 1, Halifax 4 Wrexham 2.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carlisle	26	14	6	6	39	27	48
Exeter	24	15	2	7	44	27	47
Southend	26	13	5	8	38	27	44
Stockport	27	13	5	9	42	34	44
Maidstone	25	13	3	9	39	31	42
York	25	11	8	6	32	25	41
Chesterfield	24	11	6	7	33	26	39
Gillingham	25	11	6	8	31	26	39
Peterborough	26	8	15	3	34	28	37
Burnley	24	10	7	7	25	22	37
Lincoln	25	10	7	8	25	27	37
Grimsby	26	9	9	8	34	30	36
Scunthorpe	26	9	8	9	39	36	35
Cambridge	24	10	5	9	40	38	35
Aldershot	25	9	7	9	33	36	34
Rochdale	24	10	3	11	26	25	33
Doncaster	26	9	5	12	32	31	32
Torquay	24	8	6	10	29	37	30
Scarborough	27	9	3	15	32	43	30
Halifax	26	7	9	12	35	37	28
Hereford	24	7	7	10	30	35	28
Colchester	26	4	8	14	25	45	20
Hartlepool	26	5	5	16	32	62	20
Wrexham	25	4	7	14	25	39	19

Scotland

Scottish League — Premier division: Celtic 0 Motherwell 1, Dundee 2 Hiberian 0, Dunfermline 0 Rangers 1, Hearts 3 Dundee United 2, St Mirren 1 Aberdeen 0.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	24	15	5	4	33	12	35
Hearts	24	12	5	7	43	27	29
Aberdeen	24	12	5	7	37	21	29
Celtic	24	9	7	8	28	22	25
Dundee Utd	24	7	10	7	27	27	24
Motherwell	24	7	9	8	31	32	23
Hibernian	24	7	7	10	21	29	21
St Mirren	24	8	5	11	22	39	21
Dunfermline	24	7	6	11	25	36	20
Dundee	24	3	7	14	30	52	13

Division one: Meadowbank 3 Albion 2, Morton 0 Falkirk 2, St Johnstone 4 Ayr 0. Postponed: Airdrieonians v Clydebank, Alloa v Partick, Clyde v Raith, Hamilton v Forfar.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Johnstone	26	17	6	3	54	26	40
Airdrieonians	24	16	5	3	45	20	37
Partick	25	9	11	5	46	32	29
Falkirk	26	10	8	8	43	35	28
Hamilton	25	10	8	7	33	28	28
Clydebank	25	9	7	9	49	43	25
Ayr	26	8	9	9	31	40	25
Meadowbank	26	8	8	10	28	31	24
Raith	25	9	5	11	33	38	23
Morton	26	4	15	7	24	32	23
Clyde	25	6	9	10	24	33	21
Albion	26	5	8	13	28	49	18
Alloa	25	4	8	13	30	44	16
Forfar	25	4	9	12	27	44	15

Note: Forfar deducted two points for fielding an ineligible player.

Division two: Arbroath 0 Cowdenbeath 0, Brechin 1 Berwick 0, East Fife 1 Stirling 0, Kilmarnock 0 Stranraer 1, Queen's Park 0 Queen of South 0, Stenhousemuir 4 Dumbarton 3. Postponed: East Stirling v Montrose.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brechin	24	14	5	5	36	22	33
Stenhousemuir	25	13	4	8	39	32	30
Stirling	24	12	4	8	45	32	28
Dumbarton	23	9	8	6	47	47	26
Kilmarnock	24	11	3	10	32	23	25
Arbroath	24	8	9	7	30	34	25
East Fife	23	7	9	7	37	34	23
Queen's Park	25	8	7	10	26	34	23
Queen o'South	23	8	6	9	41	44	22
Stranraer	24	8	6	10	34	40	22
Montrose	24	7	7	10	34	37	21
Berwick	25	8	4	13	40	41	20
Cowdenbeath	24	5	9	10	27	34	19
East Stirling	22	6	5	11	21	35	17

Northern Ireland League: Ards 3 Crusaders 1, Bangor 0 Larne 0, Carrick 1 Glentoran 1, Linfield 4 Coleraine 3, Newry 3 Cliftonville 0, Portadown 2 Distillery 0, Glenavon v Ballymena postponed.

Replay dates for English FA Cup — Fourth round: Tuesday, January 30: Cambridge v Millwall, Watford v Sheffield United. Wednesday, January 31: Queen's Park Rangers v Arsenal, Newcastle v Reading.

Leading goalscorers in English League — Division one: 19: D. Platt (Aston Villa). 18: I. Rush (Liverpool). 17: D. Saunders (Derby). 16: K. Dixon (Chelsea), M. Le Tissier (Southampton), R. Wallace (Southampton), K. Wilson (Chelsea). 15: J. Barnes (Liverpool), G. Lineker (Tottenham). 13: D. Atkinson (Sheffield Wednesday).

Division two: 24: M. Quinn (Newcastle). 21: B. Slaven (Middlesbrough). 19: Duncan Shearer (Swindon). 18: S. Bull (Wolverhampton), A. Ritchie (Oldham). 17: Blissett (Bournemouth), M. Gabbiadini (Sunderland), S. White (Swindon). 15: G. Whittingham (Portsmouth). 14: A. McLoughlin (Swindon).

Scottish League — Premier division: 16: A. McCoist (Rangers). 14: S. Crabbe (Hearts), J. Jack (Dunfermline), J. Robertson (Hearts). 12: D. Dziekanowski (Celtic), M. Johnston (Rangers), P. Mason (Aberdeen), G. Torfason (St Mirren). 11: N. Cusack (Motherwell), W. Van der Ark (Aberdeen).

Belgium — First division: Anderlecht 0 Antwerp 1, Charleroi 2 Ghent 1, Mechelen 3 Ekeren 0, Beerschot 4 Beveren 1, St Truiden 1 FC Liege 1.

Netherlands — First division: PSV 2 Willem II 1, MVV 1 Roda JC 1.

Netherlands

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV Eindhoven	19	12	4	3	59	22	28
Roda JC	20	9	8	3	31	21	26
Ajax	18	9	6	3	38	15	24
Vitesse	19	9	6	4	33	16	24
Volendam	19	9	5	5	31	23	23
FC Twente	19	7	7	5	30	26	21
RKC Waalwijk	19	8	5	6	26	25	21
Fortuna Sittard	19	6	9	4	17	17	21
MVV Maastricht	20	6	8	6	29	36	20
Sparta	19	7	5	7	29	33	19
FC Groningen	18	5	7	6	27	25	17
FC Den Haag	18	7	3	8	35	37	17
FC Utrecht	19	7	3	9	20	31	17
NEC	19	4	6	9	23	38	14
Willem II	20	4	6	10	25	33	14
Feijenoord	19	3	7	9	23	33	13
BVV Den Bosch	19	2	7	10	14	30	11
Haarlem	20	3	4	12	16	43	10

Spain — First division: Osasuna 0 Barcelona 3, Athletic Bilbao 1 Tenerife 1.

Belgium

Belgium — First division: Lokeren 0 Racing Mechelen 0, Kortrijk 0 Club Bruges 3, Standard Liege 2 Lierse 0, Cercle Bruges 3 Waregem 1, Anderlecht 0 Antwerp 1, Charleroi 2 Ghent 1, Mechelen 3 Ekeren 0, Beerschot 4 Beveren 1, St Truiden 1 FC Liege 1.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Club Bruges	19	13	4	2	37	16	30
Anderlecht	19	12	4	3	39	8	28
Mechelen	19	9	10	0	32	5	28
Antwerp	19	10	7	2	41	18	27
Cercle Bruges	19	9	5	5	28	20	23
Standard Liege	19	7	7	5	26	20	21
Ghent	19	6	7	6	21	20	19
Lokeren	19	6	7	6	21	28	19
Lierse	19	7	4	8	24	36	18
Charleroi	19	6	6	7	24	24	18
Kortrijk	19	5	7	7	16	26	17
Ekeren	19	7	2	10	24	29	16
FC Liege	19	4	7	8	14	17	15
Beveren	19	5	4	10	18	33	14
Beerschot	19	4	6	9	16	31	14
St Truiden	19	3	7	9	14	30	13
Waregem	19	3	5	11	19	40	11
Racing Mech	19	2	7	10	12	26	11

Britain — English FA Cup — Fourth round: Hereford 0 Manchester United 1, Sheffield Wednesday 1 Everton 2, Norwich 0 Liverpool 0 (replay on Wednesday at Liverpool).

Draw for the fifth round: Crystal Palace v Rochdale, Reading or Newcastle v Manchester United, Blackpool v Arsenal or Queen's Park Rangers, Oldham v Everton, Bristol City v Millwall or Cambridge United, West Bromwich v Aston Villa, Sheffield United or Watford v Barnsley, Norwich or Liverpool v Southampton.

Note: Matches to be played weekend of February 17-18.

English League — Division three: Bristol Rovers 1 Bolton 1.

France — Friendly match in Marseille: Marseille 2 Romania 1.

Greece — First division: AEK 2 PAOK 1, Apollon 1 Kalamaria 1, Aris 1 Ionikos 1, Doxa 2 Levadiakos 0, Iraklis 2 Volos 0, Xanthi 0 Larissa 0, Panionios 1 OFI 0, Olympiakos 2 Serres 1, Panathinaikos 4 Ethnikos 1.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AEK	18	11	6	1	36	8	28
Olympiakos	18	11	6	1	28	10	28
Panathinaikos	18	10	7	1	33	15	27
PAOK	18	12	3	3	37	13	27
Larissa	18	8	5	5	21	16	21
Iraklis	18	8	5	5	22	20	21

Italy — First division: Bologna 1 Cesena 0, Cremonese 1 Atalanta 1, Fiorentina 0 Napoli 1, Juventus 1 Internazionale 0, Lecce 0 Lazio 0, AC Milan 1 Genoa 0, Roma 1 Bari 0, Sampdoria 3 Udinese 1, Verona 0 Ascoli 0.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Napoli	22	13	8	1	33	17	34
AC Milan	21	14	3	4	33	14	31
Sampdoria	22	12	6	4	34	18	30
Internazionale	22	13	4	5	34	20	30
Juventus	22	10	8	4	37	25	28
Roma	22	10	7	5	30	26	27
Atalanta	22	10	6	6	24	21	26
Bologna	22	6	11	5	17	22	23
Bari	22	4	12	6	22	23	20
Lazio	22	5	10	7	22	22	20
Florentina	22	4	10	8	27	28	18
Genoa	22	5	8	9	19	23	18
Lecce	22	6	6	10	18	30	18
Cesena	22	5	7	10	20	26	17
Cremonese	22	3	9	10	21	30	15
Udinese	22	3	8	11	24	39	14
Ascoli	22	2	9	11	12	27	13
Verona	21	2	8	11	14	29	12

Netherlands — First division: FC Twente Enschede 2 NEC Nijmegen 1, RKC Waalwijk 1 BVV Den Bosch 1, FC Utrecht 0 Haarlem 0, Vitesse Arnhem 1 FC Den Haag 1.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV Eindhoven	19	12	4	3	59	22	28
Roda JC	20	9	8	3	31	21	26
Vitesse	20	9	7	4	34	17	25
Enschede	20	8	9	3	28	23	25
Ajax	18	9	6	3	38	15	24
Volendam	19	9	5	5	31	23	23
RKC Waalwijk	20	8	6	6	27	36	22
Fortuna Sittard	19	6	9	4	17	17	21
MVV Maastricht	20	6	8	6	29	36	20
Rotterdam	19	7	5	7	29	33	19
FC Den Haag	19	7	4	8	35	38	18
FC Utrecht	20	7	4	9	20	31	18
FC Groningen	18	5	7	6	27	25	17
Willem II	20	4	6	10	25	33	14
NEC	20	4	6	10	24	40	14
Feilenoord	19	3	7	9	23	33	13
BVV Den Bosch	20	2	8	10	15	31	12
Haarlem	20	3	5	12	18	43	11

Portugal — First division: Beira Mar 0 Portimonense 0, Belenenses 1 Maritimo 0, Boavista 0 Tirsense 0, Estrela Amadora 0 Braga 0, Guimaraes 1 Sporting 1, Nacional Madeira 0 Porto 3, Penafiel 0 Chaves 0, Setubal 1 Benfica 2.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Porto	18	14	3	1	37	5	31
Benfica	18	12	5	1	48	8	29
Guimaraes	18	12	5	1	28	11	29
Sporting	18	10	6	2	20	9	26
Setubal	18	8	4	6	23	17	20
Belenenses	18	8	4	6	18	18	20

BRITAIN .....

CLUBS WARNED — UPDATE OR ELSE.

LONDON: All 92 football league clubs in England and Wales will be ordered by the government to convert their grounds to all-seat stadiums by the year 2000.

Clubs that do not comply will be closed.

The plan, to be announced by the Home Secretary, Mr David Waddington, in the House of Commons today, will be backed by tough action against soccer hooligans. Electronic tagging, being tested as a way of enforcing probation orders on young offenders, will be used to keep thugs from grounds.

Mr Waddington's statement will coincide with publication of Lord Justice Taylor's final report on the Hillsborough tragedy in Sheffield last April, in which 95 football fans died.

A national identity card scheme for all soccer spectators, shelved by a cabinet committee last week, will also be kept in reserve by ministers. "The policy has not been dumped. It has been put on the back-burner," one government source said.

Ministers have accepted the Taylor recommendation that there should be no terracing at any of the 92 league grounds by the end of the decade. First and second division grounds will have to become all-seat well before the deadline.

The detailed timetable will be enforced by a new Football Licensing Authority, which will issue licences with deadlines for individual clubs to become all-seat. Failure to comply would mean withdrawal of the licence.

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